

BOURNE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
and the Sanitary Inspector for the Year 1944.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bourne Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting my Report and
that of **your** Sanitary Inspector for the year 1944.

A. Statistics and Social Conditions.

Area 10,103 acres.

Population 5,200. Registrar General's figures for
1943 - 5,143.

Number of Inhabited Houses - 1,421.

Rateable Value £25,751. Sum represented by a ld. rate £102.

Vital Statistics, (not corrected by the Registrar General).

	Male	Female	Total	Not including
Births	36	25	61	(born in Bourne). 18 outside Bourne.
Deaths	23	25	48	(not including non-resident deaths 6 Male & 5 Female - Total: 11.)

Deaths from Puerperal Causes)	
" " Measles)	N I L.
" " Whooping Cough)	
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years).)	

<u>Causes of Death.</u>	<u>Resident</u>		<u>Non-Resident</u>	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	3		2	2
Typhoid				1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	7	7		
Heart Disease	5	12		
Cancer	1	4		
Other Circulatory Diseases	1		1	
Pneumonia	1			1
Bronchitis	2	1		
Other Respiratory Diseases	1			
Prematurity	2			
Cirrhosis of Liver				1
Tetanus			1	
Oesophageal Obstruction in an Epileptical Mental Defective				1
Leptospira icterohaemorrhagiae			1	
Accidental Death		1	1	

(2 Male and 1 Female Cancer deaths occurred in Hospital
elsewhere).

B. Health Services of the Area. The personnel of the Health Services remain the same. Two general practitioners have

Cancer Deaths.

Died Away.

Male Stomach (not primary) Male. Colon, Bladder.
Colon
Female Stomach, Colon, Rectum. Female. Uterus.

Diphtheria Prophylaxis.

0 - 5 years 66%, 5 - 15 years 86% have been immunized.

Scabies. Cases dealt with:- Home 12 Cleansing Centre 104

Lice. 3

The Scabies Nurse renders a great service to the Community.

Tuberculosis. New cases and Mortality during 1944 :-

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1								
1 - 2								
2 - 5				1				1
5 - 15								
15- 25	1				1			
25- 35			1					
35- 45		3						
45- 55								
55- 65								
65 & over	1	1			1	1		

I wish to thank my fellow Officials for their constant help and support.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. A. GALLETT.

Medical Officer of
Health.



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12th April, 1945.

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Medical Officer of Health,
Bourne Urban District.

Sir,

Annual Report, 1944.

I have the honour to present my Fifteenth Annual Report on the Public Health Work carried out by me in the Bourne Urban District, this being for the year 1944. Once again, only a brief summary is submitted.

Refuse Collection and Disposal. Again more modern methods of collection were discussed, and again shelved, though the need was generally acknowledged. The antiquated and expensive horse-drawn method of collection continues in use.

Salvage. Some $64\frac{3}{4}$ tons of materials were salvaged and sold for £390 0s. 4d. This brings the total to the end of 1944 to 410 tons (including nearly 19,000 bottles and jars) yielding £2,053 15s. 11½d. gross, and £1,028 2s. 8d. net profit, which substantial amount has enabled the rate to be kept at its low level. Better results could have been obtained had more economical means of collection been available. Salvage has throughout been carried out as a voluntary service.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal. No change. Stoppages occurred in Church Walk and Abbey Road, and after some amount of trouble, were cleared. A new manhole was constructed on the Abbey Road sewer. Flooding at Nowell's Lane - Manning Road corner was found to be due to an obstruction in the manhole in Abbey Road opposite Hereward Street, which caused a diversion of flow to Manning Road. This was rectified.

Slaughterhouses. The Government Central Slaughterhouse, and Klondyke Abattoir for the slaughter of horses for human consumption, have been operating throughout the year, and both have been maintained in good condition.

Meat and Food. A 100% inspection of carcasses passing through the Government Central Slaughterhouse has been maintained and this has involved almost daily attendance at the Slaughterhouse. Nearly three-quarters of this meat is for consumption in the Rural District, and the Rural Inspector has continued to share the inspection work. There are probably few Districts without a full-time Meat Inspector where 100% inspection is carried out, and it is not done here without some effort and sacrifice. One cannot help feeling that one's services are accepted rather than appreciated, and that the importance of this work, which is reflected in the following figures, is not fully understood -

Details of carcasses inspected :-

22 Bulls	660 Bullocks	222 Cows	205 Heifers
84 Calves	3,085 Sheep and Lambs		386 Pigs.

TOTAL: 4,664

Weight of meat and offals condemned :- 17.102 tons

Fresh, frozen and tinned meat condemned)
at the W.M.S.A. Depot }:- .24 ton

Various foods condemned at Wholesale &)
Retail Food Stores }:- .1 ton

376 Horses were notified as slaughtered at the Klondyke Abattoir. It was impossible to inspect these before despatch, but it is understood that they are inspected on arrival. It is worth recording that the quality of the carcasses examined at the Government Central Slaughterhouse has continued to be very good.

Tuberculosis in Milk. Bi-monthly returns of all Bulls, Cows and Calves found on slaughter to be affected with Tuberculosis have been made to the County Medical Officer, and a number of samples of milk from the herds from which these animals have come have been taken and submitted for biological examination.

Cowsheds and Dairies. A Number of inspections were carried out.

Factories and Workshops. Notice to provide adequate lavatory accommodation for both sexes and the effective screening of such accommodation was given in one instance.

Disinfections. Two disinfections after Infectious Disease were carried out.

Bug Disinfestations. Three houses were disinfested at the expense of the Owner, during the year. These are the first bug infestations I have found during my fifteen years in the District.

Dangerous Building. Notice to demolish or make safe one dangerous building was given.

Notices Served. Two Statutory Notices under the Housing Act, 1936, Section 9, were served and complied with. Seventy-three Informal Notices were served.

Complaints. Fifty-three complaints were received and dealt with.

Inspections. Ninety-seven inspections were carried out.

Water Supply. A supply of water for six houses at Cawthorpe, referred to in my last Annual Report, was provided by means of a pump over a newly-sunk bore.

Housing. Five houses were demolished, four as a result of Demolition Orders made in 1933, and one voluntarily by the Owner.

A plan showing the first and second year Post-War Housing Programme - 20 and 30 respectively - was prepared, and approved by the Town and Country Joint Planning Committee.

General. The work of the Department has continued satisfactorily, though not without difficulty. The Sanitary condition of the Town has not materially deteriorated, but there will be considerable lee-way to make up when conditions become more normal. Labour and materials, as elsewhere, have been difficult, but we have at least been spared the destruction of War, and for this we have reason for thankfulness.

The 203 Council Houses have been maintained in a good state of repair.

I acknowledge with appreciation your ready co-operation at all times, and also that of the Council and Officers generally.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

J. S. FISHER,

Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.

